

## GOSSIP OF FRATERNAL CIRCLES

## Masonic Activities.

The testimonial banquet to Past Master Warren C. Bickford, grand tiler of the Grand Lodge, will take place on Monday evening, October 30, at 8 o'clock, in the new Ebbitt Brothers building. A few weeks ago completed 20 years of service for Uncle Sam without a mark against him. He also celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his wedding.

This testimonial is open to all Master Masons, and is in compliment to Brother Bickford as an evidence of the love and esteem in which he is held throughout the entire jurisdiction.

The following committee has the banquet in charge: W. N. Jermans, F. M. Scott, H. G. Kimball, W. P. Herbert, M. F. May, Jr., Ira Hopkins and Walter Zachary. Tickets may be secured from Walter Zachary, 416 Evans Building, at any time before next Thursday.

Harmony Lodge, No. 17, F. A. A. M., have made arrangements to receive the election returns on the evening of November 7 in lodge room No. 1, New Masonic Temple. The master has invited all members and their friends to attend. A special will be installed, which will be in charge of Senior Deacon G. Manser, Pastor of the Postal Telegraph Company, and prompt returns will be read out as fast as they are received.

On Wednesday evening, November 8, the F. C. degree will be conferred on five candidates, with Junior Steward Brother Charles R. Morris in the east.

## The Grotto.

Before an attendance of fox-capped prophets that taxed the seating capacity of Odd Fellows Hall, Kallipolis Grotto staged its fall ceremonial on Thursday evening. The full ritualistic ceremony was exemplified on a large class of neophytes. The exemplification of the ritual was under direction of Past Monarch John H. Shreve.

It was the last full ritualistic ceremony to be held under the administration of Monarch George H. Emmons, Jr. Capt. P. V. Keating, of the Grotto Drill Corps, has announced that all indications point to a successful evening on October 31, when that auxiliary will give its Halloween dance and entertainment at the New Willard Hotel. As a prelude there will be a grotesque automobile parade on the evening of October 30. The identity of the machines will be lost beneath the fantastic and weird decorations which will enshroud them. In the automobiles will be the regulation witches, ghosts and skeletons which go to make up a characteristic Halloween party.

The line of march follows: From 715 Twelfth street northwest to G street, to Seventh street, to F, to Union station, to Massachusetts avenue northeast, to Lincoln Park, to East Capitol street, to First street, to B street, to Pennsylvania avenue, to Fifteenth street northwest, to Fourteenth street, to Park road, to Sixteenth street and Columbia road, to Eighteenth street and Florida avenue, to Sixteenth street and Massachusetts avenue, to Connecticut avenue, to K street, to Twelfth street, to starting point.

Word has been received of the death of Past Grand Monarch Thomas L. James at his home in New York City. He was the first Grand Monarch of the Order of Veiled Prophets.

## Eastern Star.

At the last meeting of St. John's Lodge Chapter, No. 18, O. E. S., on the evening of October 13, the annual visitation was made by officers of the Grand Chapter. The program consisted of a violin solo by Mrs. Gussack, accompanied by Miss Richardson; recitation by Miss Dyer, and a vocal solo by Miss Fisher. The worthy grand matron and patron were presented with tokens of esteem by Sister Bessie Mills and the worthy patron, Brother Bock.

## The Odd Fellows.

Monday—Langdon, No. 2, degree; Union, No. 11, and Beacon, No. 13, business.  
Tuesday—Washington, No. 6; Golden Rule, No. 2, and Amity, No. 27, business.  
Wednesday—Eastern, No. 1, degree; Federal City, No. 2, degree; and Harmony, No. 3, business.  
Thursday—Salem, No. 22, grand visitation; Excelsior, No. 17, degree; Columbia, No. 16, and Covenant, No. 13, business.  
Friday—Central, No. 1, degree; Metropolitan, No. 18, and Phoenix, No. 2, business.

Tuesday—Fred D. Stuart, No. 7, degree.  
Wednesday—Columbia, No. 1, grand visitation.

Grand Master William J. Hope, accompanied by officers of the Grand Lodge, will officially visit Salem Lodge, No. 22, in Masonic Hall, Anacostia, on Thursday evening. This visitation will close the fall series, with the exception of the visit to Washington Lodge, No. 6, the home lodge of Grand Master Hope, which will be on Tuesday, October 31.

Central Lodge, No. 1, at its official grand visitation, rendered reports to Grand Master Hope. The mother lodge of this jurisdiction showed that the year had been a busy one.

Grand Patriarch Henry F. Allwine, accompanied by officers of the Grand Encampment, will visit Columbian Encampment, No. 1, on Wednesday evening.

Grand Treasurer John D. Yoakley, of the Grand Lodge, accompanied by Mrs. Yoakley, left on Saturday to spend a month in Illinois, the home of Mr. Yoakley.

The Odd Fellows' Bowling league was officially opened by Grand Master W. J. Hope, who rolled the first ball on Monday evening. Amity and Metropolitan teams were the teams in the opening games. President W. E. Lawson, accompanied by the officers of the league, were present.

Federal City Lodge had degree drill last Wednesday. Noble Grand Treasurer named the appointive officers as a committee to get out the stay-at-home members. Liberty Lodge, of Baltimore, will pay Federal City Lodge a fraternal visit on November 29 and confer the first degree. Noble Grand Treasurer announces the initiatory degree for next Wednesday.

## THE REBEKAH DEGREE.

Monday—Esther Rebekah Lodge, No. 5, grand visitation.  
Wednesday—Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 9, degree.  
Friday—Dorcas, No. 4, grand visitation; Martha Washington, No. 3, degree.

Esther Rebekah Lodge, No. 5, will receive President Carter and her corps of officers tomorrow evening. Arrangements have been made by the entertainment committee to render an interesting program.

Noble Grand Marion Geiman and her corps of officers will receive President Carter officially. Noble Grand Geiman has extended an invitation to all members of the Rebekah degree to be present.

The second and last grand visitation by President Belle M. Carter and her corps of assembly officers to Dorcas Rebekah Lodge, No. 4, will occur on Friday evening. The visitation will be made the grand rally for all members of Dorcas for an active winter campaign. Monthly socials have been organized.

The anniversary of the lodge was celebrated at the last meeting by a banquet.

President Belle M. Carter and officers of the Rebekah Assembly visited Naomia Lodge on Monday evening. Grand Master W. J. Hope, Grand Representative W. W. Mills, Grand Marshal Hammer, Grand

Treasurer Yoakley and other officers of the grand lodge were present.

The principal address was made by Past Noble Grand V. Estelle Yoakley, Grand Master Mills and Grand Marshal Hammer gave short talks.

Fidelity Rebekah Lodge, No. 7, met Tuesday evening. The degree was conferred upon several candidates by the degree team, under the direction of Degree Director Irving R. Schwinger. Applications were received, and referred to appropriate committees.

At the last meeting of Ruth Lodge, No. 2, Capt. W. P. Pumfrey was elected degree director. Several applications were received, and the degree conferred upon two candidates. Capt. Pumfrey will hold regular rehearsals of the team, and expects to confer the degree at each meeting of the lodge during the remainder of the year.

The sixty-fifth anniversary of the Rebekah Degree was celebrated on Wednesday evening. In the absence of Mrs. Maud Kiser Brooks, chairman, the meeting was called to order by President Belle M. Carter, who introduced Past President Annie E. Grigby as chairman in place of Mrs. Brooks.

President Margaret A. Mumma, of Rebekah Assembly of Maryland, delivered a short address. The principal address was by Grand Representative W. W. Mills.

## Knights of Pythias.

## LODGES.

Monday—Dorcas, No. 2, page rank; Calantia, No. 11, business.  
Tuesday—Webster, No. 7, celebration of fiftieth anniversary; Excelsior, No. 14, degree rank; Capital, No. 2, and Unity, No. 23, business.

Wednesday—Mount Vernon, No. 5, business; Harmonia, No. 12, grand visitation; Union, No. 22, and Columbia, No. 3, business.  
Friday—Syracusanians, No. 19, page rank; Rathbone-Superior, No. 29, knight rank.

## PYTHIAN SISTERS.

Wednesday—Friendship Temple, No. 9, initiation.  
Friday—Rathbone Temple, No. 5, initiation.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE.

Saturday—Semi-monthly meeting.

The Dunn celebration held by the order in the auditorium of the Pythian Temple Friday night, which was inaugurated by Franklin Lodge, No. 2, the oldest Pythian lodge in the world, of which Major Dunn has been a member since its institution in 1864, proved a fitting testimonial to this distinguished pioneer member of the order. Past Supreme Chancellor Edward Dunn and Mrs. Dunn, Grand Chancellor John B. Dickman made the address of welcome, and a high-class musical program was presented. Supreme Representative Reno S. Harp, of Mountain City Lodge, No. 1, N. Y., represented Supreme Chancellor of Maryland, Vandalia, Ill., who was unable to attend. Mr. Harp presented to Mr. Dunn a fitting testimonial from the Supreme Lodge in recognition of his services to the order. Mr. and Mrs. Dunn were similarly remembered by the local committee in charge of the celebration.

Webster Lodge, No. 7, will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary in Schneider's banquet hall, Eighth and E streets northwest, Tuesday night. The committee in charge is composed of E. V. Springman, Cleveland Kennicutt and Oden B. Gray.

Hermione Lodge, No. 12, will be visited Wednesday night by Grand Chancellor Dickman and associate Grand Lodge officers.

Decatur Lodge, No. 9, has the page rank scheduled for tomorrow night. The officers of this lodge anticipate a revival of interest in the work, and expect a large attendance at this convocation and throughout the fall and winter months.

Syracusanians Lodge, No. 19, will begin work on a class Friday night with the rank of page. Chancellor Commander Nicholson headed a large delegation on a visit to Rathbone-Superior Lodge, No. 29, on the occasion of the grand visitation at the latter lodge.

Rathbone-Superior Lodge, No. 29, will have the knight rank at its convocation Friday evening. Other business scheduled for the convocation of Rathbone-Superior Lodge include: Action on the proposition to honor a pioneer member of the order, Dr. E. S. Kimball, for many years a member of this lodge, and the only surviving one of the original thirteen members who organized the Pythian order in this city February 19, 1864; and final action is to be taken on several proposed amendments to the by-laws of the lodge.

Rathbone-Superior Lodge at its last convention gave Grand Chancellor Dickman and associate Grand Lodge officers a fraternal greeting. A smoker and a social hour closed a successful visitation. Announcement was made at this meeting by Chairman Wallace, of the Dunn celebration committee, that all the details had been arranged for this event on the 30th.

Century Lodge, No. 30, conferred the knight rank Monday evening in the presence of a large number of visitors, including many members of Syracuseanians Lodge. The visitors assisting the lodge team in the work were Grand Chancellor John B. Dickman, Past Grand Chancellor William A. Kimmel, Past Supreme Representative J. B. Connor, Grand Preceptor Charles W. Henderson, and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal H. J. Gascon.

At the regular meeting of the ways and means committee of the Pythian order, October 14, chairman William A. Kimmel presided.

The grand visitation to Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 5, Wednesday night was successful in point of attendance and enthusiasm. The reports of the grand lodge officers were excellent and showed gain in membership. Addresses were made by the grand chancellor, Past Supreme Chancellor Dunn, Past Grand Chancellor Kimmel, Grand Vice Chancellor Melick, Supreme Representatives Stearns and Kahler, Past Grand Chancellor Willey, Grand Preceptor Charles W. Henderson and others. Among the visitors present were Allen R. Sherman, of Samuel Read Lodge, No. 105, Atlantic City, N. J. The grand chancellor was the recipient of a present from Mount Vernon Lodge, a Russian leather pocket book. Past Grand Chancellor Willey making the presentation.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 14, announces the requisite rank for its convocation Tuesday night of this week. The lodge, which is having an unusually busy term, conferred the same rank at its last meeting with Past Supreme Representative Joseph B. Connor acting as chancellor commander, assisted by Past Grand Chancellor John Phillips Meakin, of Utah, Past Grand Chancellor G. Frank Day and Supreme Representative Albert Kahler.

Much interest and enthusiasm was shown at the meeting of Capital Lodge, No. 24, Tuesday night, on which occasion the page rank was conferred on Ralph, the only son of H. Elton Smith, a member of the lodge.

Reports from the various subordinate lodges indicate that "the politics" of the Grand Lodge are becoming active at this early date in advance of the meeting of the grand body in February. Besides aspirants for minor offices in the Grand Lodge line, a number of names have already been suggested for the office of supreme representative. The latest can-

didate for this honor is William A. Kimmel, who was grand chancellor for the term ended last February.

## Pythian Sisters.

Rathbone Temple, No. 8, will have its annual roll call Friday night, on which occasion the monthly social of the temple will also be held. The committee in charge of arrangements is composed of Mrs. Bertha Williams, chairman; Miss Josephine Jarboe, Mrs. Edna Cook, Mrs. Martha Jarboe, Mrs. Gertrude Abell, Mrs. Lola Marks, Mrs. Kate Smith, Mrs. Roberta Prescott, Mrs. Mary Hooper, Mrs. Marion Geiman, and the Messrs. George W. Barkman, Jr., H. Elton Smith, John, and Israel Sommers. Decatur Lodge, No. 9, Knights of Pythias, will be present as special guests of the temple.

## The Maccabees.

## WOMAN'S BENEFIT ASSOCIATION.

The feat of turning a debt of \$150 into a sum of \$19,000.00 has been accomplished by Miss Bina M. West in the twenty-four years of her leadership of the Woman's Benefit Association of the Maccabees, which she founded October 1, 1892, in Port Huron, Mich. This has meant wise investment, and conservative management, and this year Miss West will have the satisfaction of collecting \$450.00 in interest earnings on this invested sum.

Miss West was a school teacher. She did not know much about fraternal insurance, but she knew the principle on which it should be based and she went ahead with it with many wisecracks shaking their heads at her. She started very simply in a basement room with a little desk, chair and waste paper basket, and today is checking up a multiplicity of blue print detail for a fine new \$250.000 office being erected only a few blocks from where she turned the key nightly twenty-four years before on hopes and dreams now finding realization.

"There was a day once when a woman could not buy insurance protection for her little family and dependants," says Miss West. "This was way back in the years before it was discovered that women had a better mortality experience than men. If she saved a dollar here and a dollar there and put it into the old china teapot, at the end of her time maybe it helped to tide her little family over the emergency. It could give no promise, however, of helping educate the little folks for there was not enough of it. The little family had to be contented with the thought that mother had saved on her wardrobe and her pleasures to leave even that small sum."

"Today a woman does not have to hide away the china teapot in the bottom of the bureau drawer. She can lay away a little sum monthly in an adequately rated fraternal society that guarantees the payment of a stipulated sum to her family when she is no longer able to care for them."

"In my own society \$14,000.00 has been paid out in benefits alone, and \$19,000.00 is still on hand invested in municipal bonds for the payment of benefits, every penny of which belongs to our members."

National Tent met last Monday night.

Three candidates were initiated by the degree team. J. J. Buck and J. D. Jordan, of Mount Vernon Tent, were visitors.

Dr. J. J. Slattery, formerly of Golden Rule Tent, but recently transferred to National Tent, spoke. Edward Ivy Lewis, the youngest Maccabee, sang.

This week will be a busy one in Maccabee circles. Tomorrow evening will be held the regular meeting of Mount Vernon Review, No. 2. A visit from the deputy supreme commander, Mrs. Mabel T. La Rue, is expected. Georgetown will celebrate the anniversary of the founding of the organization with a birthday party in Potomac Bank hall.

On Thursday there will be an old-fashioned country dance in the Pythian Temple. The past commanders of the District will be the hostesses.

The Officers' Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Johanna Frailey, 1247 North Capitol street, Friday evening. The new officers will assume their duties. The recruiting contest is arousing much enthusiasm. Plans are under way for a rally early in December, when the Baltimore, Maryland and Delaware women will be guests.

## Knights of Columbus.

Dr. J. Rozier Biggs, past grand knight of Spaulding Council, was on Thursday night presented a handsome 23-jeweled Hamilton watch, in recognition of services rendered the Knights of Columbus during his two terms as executive officer of that organization. Francis J. P. Cleary made the presentation address.

Dr. Biggs is a fourth degree Knight of Columbus, past grand knight of Spaulding Council, vice president of the Columbus Country Club, and member of the Alhambra, the Commercial Club, the Galen Society, Kappa Sigma Fraternity, Phi Chi Fraternity, American Medical Association, the National Union, the Modern Woodmen, and the Board of Trade.

## D. A. R.

Patriot's Memorial Chapter, D. A. R., held its October meeting on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Joseph A. Arnold. Miss Lillian A. Norton presided, the regent, Mrs. G. P. Conway, being absent on account of the serious illness of her husband.

Mrs. George T. Smallwood was elected delegate to the Continental Congress in 1917. One new member was admitted. The new yearbooks were distributed, and plans for added interest and more efficient work for the year were discussed. The chapter presented as a wedding gift to Mrs. Luther W. Charlton (nee Gertrude M. Norton) a beautiful piece of cut glass. A resolution was adopted expressing sympathy for Rev. and Mrs. Paul R. Hickok on account of the death of Mr. Hickok's father, Rev. Francis M. Hickok. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

## Order of Eagles.

On October 31 the Auxiliary of the Eagles will give a Halloween dance at the Eagle home. Unique decorations, excellent music and a general good time are promised.

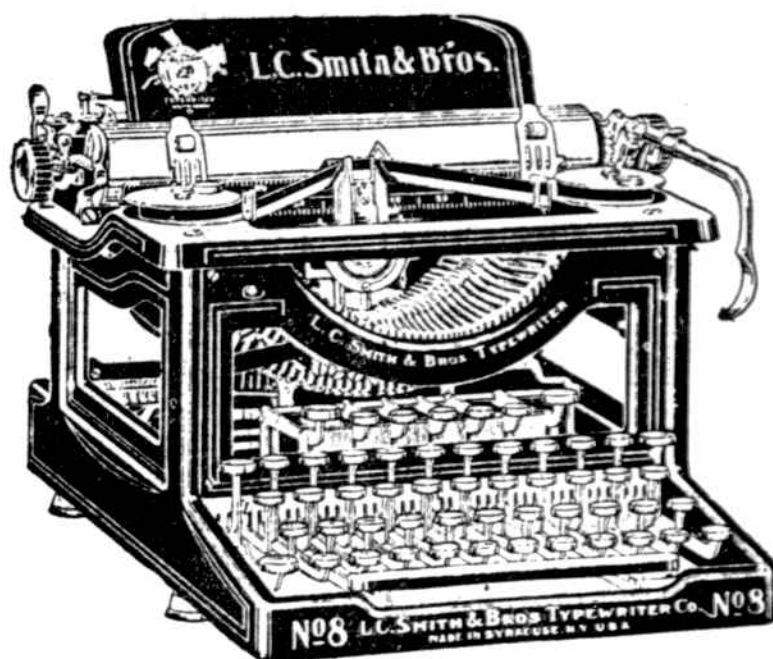
New covers have been provided for the pool tables, and several exciting match games have taken place. The Eyrle boasts of having some of the best pool players in the city.

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